

# Lytham 1940s Weekend 1940s 2024

## Weapons Policy

The use of weapons at the event is purely to add a realistic part of the uniform to troops or reenactors who would have been in the 1940s wartime era. They are also part of displays where their use and functions may be explained and demonstrated to members of the public as part of a static display.

There will be a battle re-enactment and any participant of the battle will be a member of the NWW2A or associated organisations under the direction of the NWW2A. Only blanks to be fired within the designated area for the purposes of this re-enactment and associated scheduled weapons firing displays where blanks will be used.

The local police have been informed of the use of deactivated weapons and will be present over the weekend to ensure we are acting within the law. They have also advised that given the current climate as far as guns are concerned, we ask you to be sensible with how and when you carry any de-acts and consider how it looks to members of the public who are not used to seeing such things.

Please follow these simple rules which have been agreed between Lancashire Police and event organisers.

Anyone not abiding the rules will be asked to leave the event. Such behaviour may lead to the cancellation of future 1940s weekends and could be in direct violation of the law.

- **No functioning firearms to be carried at the event \* , except for firearms involved in the re-enactment by named individuals from re-enactment groups;**
- **All weapons must be carried with a valid certificate at all times;**
- **No functioning firearms are to be carried at the event\* under any circumstances;**
- **All weapons must be carried with a valid certificate of deactivation at all times;**
- **No weapon is to be brandished in a threatening manner, or one that could be perceived as such by any member of the public or member of staff, under any circumstances;**
- **No weapon is to be pointed at anyone, for any reason, under any circumstances;**
- **Weapons should be kept inside the display areas as far as is practical. When carrying them around the event area\*\* please ensure they are slung and as discreet as possible;**
- **No weapons are to be carried on display on the public highway or outside the event area under any circumstances. For transport they must be hidden or wrapped. The local police will be watching out for this;**
- **All weapons must be secured at all times when the event is closed to the public. They may be secured in vehicles/in locked station buildings by arrangement/or under guard at all times.**
- **All relevant firearm regulations must be applied.**

*\*The 'event' is defined as the Lytham 1940s Weekend 2024 – August 17 and 18.*

*\*\* The 'event area' is defined as any area used as part of the event. This will include Lytham Green, Promenade and footpaths adjacent to the Green, marked event car parks and camping areas as well as the town centre of Lytham for the duration of the event.*